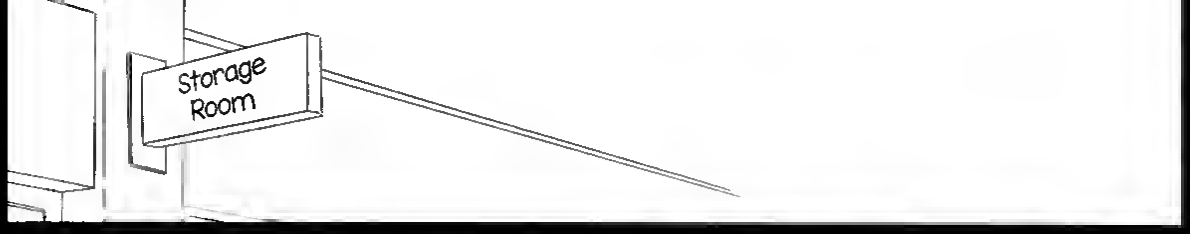
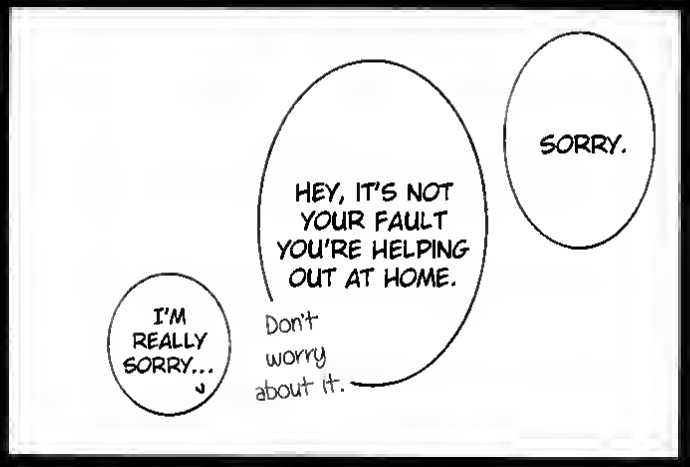
Blindfolded Love Part B



I still haven't been able to tell Ayuna

about my being a novelist.



and lying to my girlfriend is really painful...

The days I lie to her about helping out at home are usually right before a deadline,

LATELY YOU CAN'T PUT YOUR THOUGHTS INTO WRITING?
YES.
...AND SO,
Flustered.
Glare!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
Well, it's fine.
WE WERE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING.
EH?
YOU SURE ARE.
By the way,
AM I INTRUDING ON YOU GUYS?
Huh?
HOLD ON. HAVE YOU EVER HAD WRITER'S BLOCK BEFORE, SATOMI?
NO, NEVER.
My little Satomi has...
Hehe!
FOR YOUR FIRST SLUMP TO COME FROM YOUR FIRST LOVE...
I GUESS YOU'VE FINALLY GROWN UP.

Wait, she doesn't have a comeback...?
.....
WHAT DO YOU YOU THINK I SHOULD DO...
Like, "I'm living a double life as a student and a
IF YOU WANNA TELL HER, SATOMI, THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL HER?
NO, I MEAN...
I could, but...
Eh?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Or like, it's really hard to say...
IT'S MORE LIKE I CAN'T TELL HER I'M WRITING YURI...

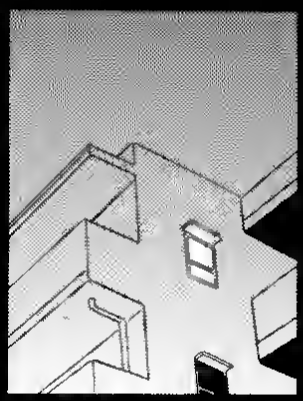
That might be true, but...

THE PERSON YOU'RE DATING IS A GIRL TOO, RIGHT SATOMI?

SO IT SHOULD BE EASIER THAN TELLING A STRAIGHT PERSON, RIGHT?

I mean, there still are prejudiced people, but...

...YEAH.



Would I have been able to tell her if it wasn't yuri...?
Storage Room
...MI.
SATOMI!
Ah!
I ENDED UP SLACKING OFF...
Not that I'd be doing anything even if I was at my desk...!
...But,
When we're lying together, my worries seem to fade away...
It's mysterious.
HM? WHAT?
WELL, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THIS SINCE EARLIER, BUT LIKE...

So I was right.
AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WITH ANY GUYS, EITHER?
...
Since I don't even like them.
OF COURSE NOT?
OK, THEN, SO...
AH.
YEAH.
AM I MAYBE LIKE, YOUR FIRST, SATOMI?
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Blush
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN A LESBIAN?
WHA!?
Since when, you say...
STARTING WITH MY FIRST CRUSH, I'VE ONLY LIKED GIRLS...
Hmm
I KINDA FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
EH?

AND IT'D BE TOO EMBARRASSING TO TELL YOUR PARENTS OR YOUR FRIENDS.
CUZ LIKE, MARRIAGE AND KIDS WERE OUTTA THE PICTURE FROM THE GET-GO, RIGHT?
I DON'T REALLY SEE MUCH OF A FUTURE THERE. THAT'S WHY I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
...!
EVEN IF YOU DID TELL THEM, THEY MIGHT MAKE FUN OF YOU, OR IT COULD CAUSE THEM PROBLEMS, RIGHT?
This is... nothing at all... so...
THAT'S WHY I'M ALWAYS KIND TO GAYS AND LESBIANS...
BUT I'M BI, RIGHT? AND SO I CAN GET MARRIED AND HAVE KIDS, YOU KNOW?
With a guy, I mean.
I just...

can't close my eyes...

OKAY, I MORE OR LESS GET WHAT'S GOING ON... BUT

AYUNA IS CUTE. SHE'S GOOD IN BED. AND EVEN THOUGH I'M GAY SHE STILL SAYS SHE LOVES ME.
SHE CAN SOMETIMES BE PRETTY PREJUDICED. BUT IT'S FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T LET IT GET TO ME...
I'M ALSO CUTE AND GOOD IN BED, YOU KNOW.
STOP JOKING AROUND, PLEASE!
I WASN'T JOKING AROUND.
.....
YOU KNOW, SATOMI.

THINGS LIKE APPEARANCE OR TECHNIQUE CAN BE EASILY CHANGED, AND ANYWAY, IF YOU LOVE SOMEBODY, YOU END UP LOVING ALL OF THEM.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT.
WHICH PART OF YOUR *GIRLFRIEND* ARE YOU TRYING NOT TO LOOK AT?
.....!
ISN'T IT WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE?
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Tap.

WASN'T IT BECAUSE YOU WERE HOLDING BACK YOUR FEELINGS THAT YOU COULDN'T STOP YOUR TEARS?
DIDN'T IT GET YOU FRUSTRATED? DIDN'T IT MAKE YOU IRRITATED? DIDN'T IT MAKE YOU SAD? DIDN'T YOU WANT TO DENY WHAT SHE WAS SAYING?
"I don't really see much of a future there. That's why I feel sorry for you."
"It could cause them problems, right?"
DON'T WORRY, SATOMI.
YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE WITH YOUR EYES HELD SHUT,

BUT THERE'S STILL JUST ONE PATH IN FRONT OF YOU, RIGHT?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE, THOUGH.
.....

DO YOU LOVE ME, AYUNA!?
D-
IF IT'S NOTHING, THEN I'M GOING, OKAY?
I TOLD YOU I LOVE YOU, DIDN'T I?
WHY DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO TALK ABOUT GETTING MARRIED OR HAVING KIDS!?
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL MESSING AROUND WITH GUYS WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY GOT ME!?
I MEAN, EVEN JUST RUMOURS ARE BAD ENOUGH.
SINCE YOU'RE A LESBIAN, YOU MIGHT HAVE GIVEN UP ON GETTING MARRIED, BUT NOT ME.
CUZ, LIKE, IF PEOPLE SAW ME FLIRTING WITH YOU, SATOMI, IT WOULD BE PRETTY BAD.

can't close my eyes to this.

I CAN'T GO OUT WITH SOMEONE WHO LOOKS DOWN ON HOMOSEXUALITY...
HUH...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE AT THE BOTTOM OF SOCIETY, AREN'T YOU?
EVEN THOUGH I'M BEING KIND TO ALL OF YOU BECAUSE I FEEL BAD THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE KIDS AND AREN'T GOING TO LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND
YOU JUST GO AND CALMLY TRAMPLE ON MY KINDNESS...
YOU GUYS REALLY ARE DISGUSTING!!!
SPLASH!
I can't close my eyes to this...

EH?
Hehe.
Well, since your face was all red I thought you might be hot, so I was cooling you down♥
Aren't I just so kind?
WH...!?
at's this?
!
HUUH!?
IF YOU THINK THAT'S KIND THEN THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD, RIGHT!?
LET ME SEND THOSE WORDS RIGHT BACK AT'CHA~♥

I GUESS FORCING KINDNESS ONTO OTHERS JUST MAKES YOU A PAIN IN THE ASS?
And let's not forget wrong and ignorant♡
IT SEEMS THERE'S A LOT OF THOSE LATELY...
SO SHE'S GOT ENOUGH ENERGY FOR A COMEBACK...
That's a relief.
.....
"EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE SAME GENDER, YOU PRICKED MY INTEREST AND I FELL IN LOVE."
OR
"I DON'T DISTINGUISH BY GENDER, AREN'T I COOL?"
Moriyama-sempai, the expression is 'piqued', not 'pricked'.
If their interests are getting pricked, then they definitely like guys.

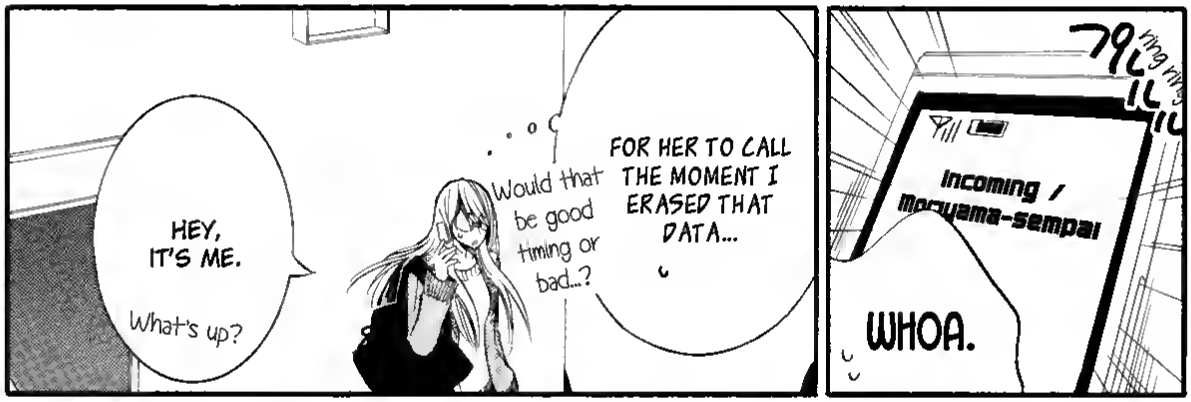
UM, YOU KNOW...
PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY BI AREN'T LIKE HER.
She's just experimenting.
AND IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYBODY THINKS THAT WAY.
I KNOW THAT.
Sniff...
...MORIYAMA-SEMPAI?
HMM? WHAT IS IT?
WELL, THEN IT'S FINE THEN.
It would just be a problem if you misunderstood

I want to become a cool woman like you, sempai.
And then I want to rescue girls!!
Those gazes of respect...
Your ulterior motives are showing...
Ohoh!!
.....
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.
SHOCK!!
YOU'RE HORRIBLE!!
YOU AND I ARE DIFFERENT PEOPLE, SATOMI.
SO YOU SHOULD TRY TO BECOME A GOOD WOMAN IN YOUR OWN WAY.
My own way, huh...?
.....

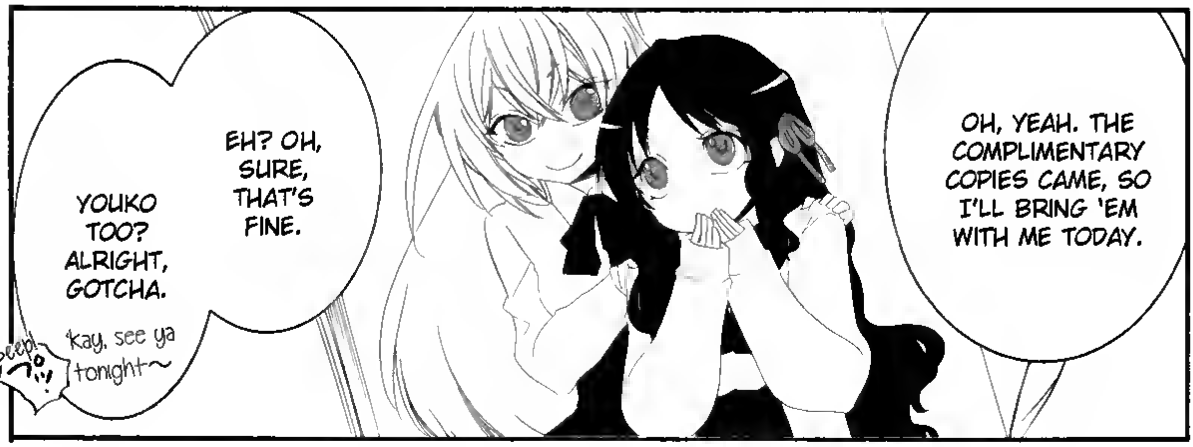
ALRIGHT!
Whoosh..!
Hm?
WHAT'S UP?
I HAVE THE URGE TO GO WRITE NOVELS!!
Inspiration has arrived!!
Oh!
SOUNDS GOOD.
Slump's gone, huh.
Alright!
THEN YOUR COOL SEMPAI WILL TREAT YOU TO SOME CAKE.
Cuz even if you're using your head, you still need sugar.
KYAA
You're sooo cool, sempai.
BWAHAHAH
OF COURSE.
I think maybe it was from that moment

That I decided on the style of my novels...

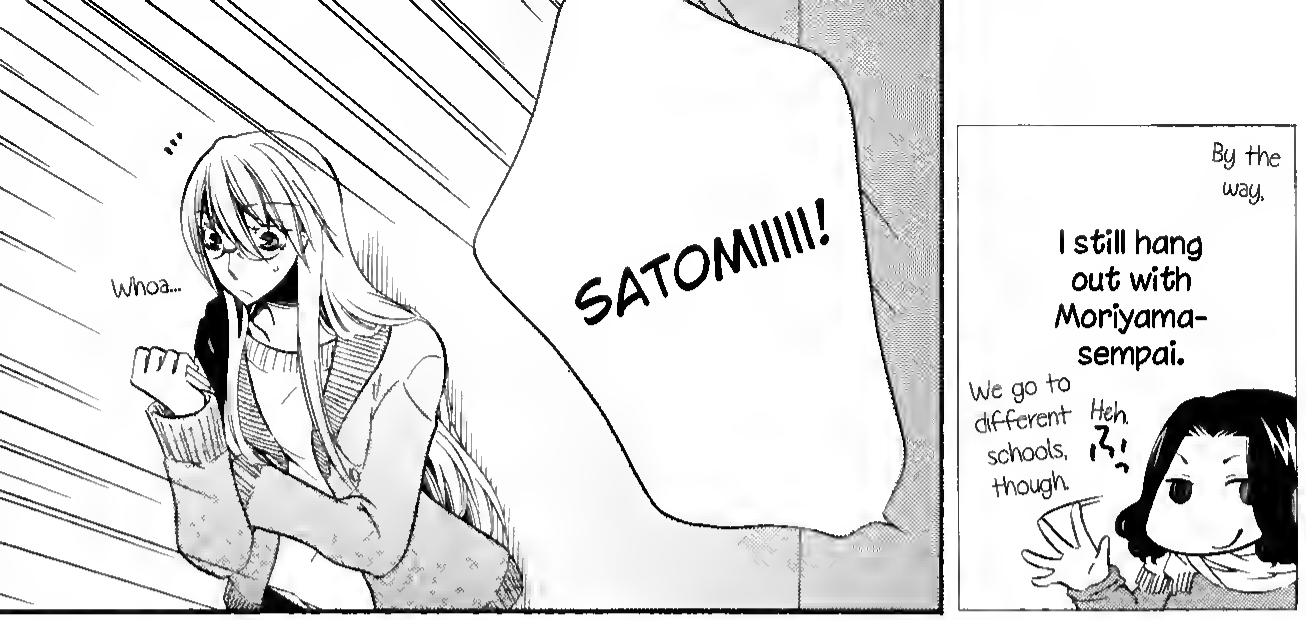
Back then, I lost my girlfriend,


HEY, IT'S ME.
What's up?
Would that be good timing or bad...?
FOR HER TO CALL THE MOMENT I ERASED THAT DATA...
Incoming / Maruyama-sempai
WHOA.

but what was much more frustrating and heart-breaking,


YOUKO TOO? ALRIGHT, GOTCHA.
EH? OH, SURE, THAT'S FINE.
OH, YEAH. THE COMPLIMENTARY COPIES CAME, SO I'LL BRING 'EM WITH ME TODAY.
Beep!
Kay, see ya tonight~

was that I was unable to convey my feelings.



I probably won't forget those feelings my entire life.

SORRRY. WERE YOU WAITING FOR LONG?
It's fine!! It's still a while before we were supposed to meet!!
Don't worry about it.
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Sigh〜♥
THOUGH IF IT WAS FOR NANA, I WOULD WAIT AS MANY HOURS AS I HAD TO.
She's cute again today...♥

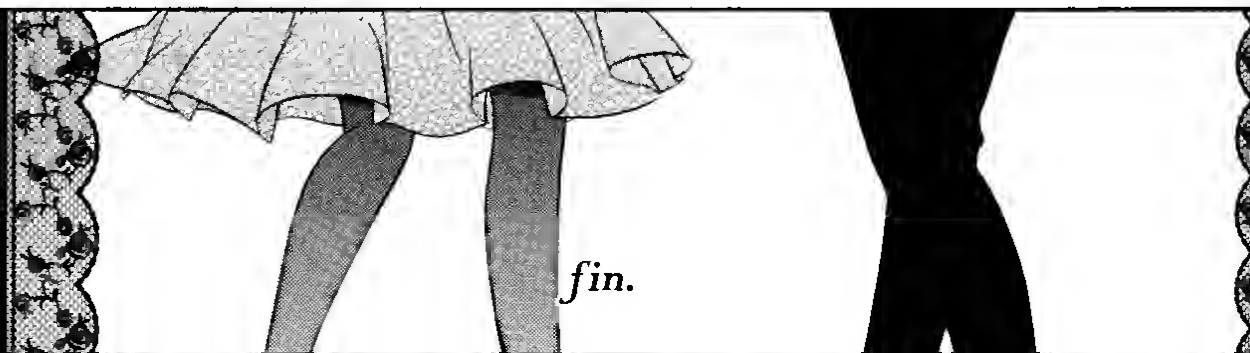
And so I will write.

Sometimes humorously, sometimes seriously

I will mix just a little bit of truth into my fiction.

So that they can touch people's hearts, and so that I can convey my wishes,

I will spin these feelings into these tales.



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